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THE FOLLOWING EDITORIAL APPEARS ON THE FRONT PAGE OF
WEDNESDAY'S "TIMES OF ZAMBIA":

QTE THE DUST WHICH WENT UP WITH HENRY KISSINGER'S HISTORIC
LANDING AND BOUNCING AROUND THE AFRICAN CONTINENT IS SLOWLY
SETTLING DOWN. WHAT IS EMERGING?

QTE THE FIRST APPEARANCE OF THE U.S. SECRETARY OF STATE HAS
CERTAINLY NOT MADE TANGIBLE CHANGE TO THE AFRICAN POLITICAL SCENE
TO REPORT HOME ABOUT. HE MERELY CAME, SAW AND SAID WHAT HE
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THOUGHT COULD BE IMPORTANT TO AFRICA IN THE FUTURE ALTHOUGH

AFRICA HAD EXPECTED HIM TO TACKLE WITH HER THE PRESENT HOT POTATOES OF THE CONTINENT.

QTE THE MARKS BEHIND KISSINGERS AFRICAN TRAIL ARE SHOWING IN EVERY REGION HE VISITED NO CLEAR AMERICAN SOLUTION FOR AFRICA'S BURNING ISSUES IN THE CONTEXT OF WHICH AN AMERICAN FOREIGN POLICY ON AFRICA CAN BE RELEVANT TO THE CONTEMPORARY AFRICAN TIMES.

QTE WHAT WAS ALWAYS TRUE, IS NOW ABUNDANTLY MORE SO THAT THE UNITED STATES CANNOT AND WILL NOT TAKE UP ARMS OR GIVE THEM TO FIGHT ON THE SIDE OF THE OPPRESSED PEOPLES TO BRING TO AN END THE VICIOUS RESISTANCE TO FREEDOM.

QTE AFTER KISSINGER, THE POSITION REMAINS AS IT HAS ALWAYS BEEN. AFRICANS CANNOT AND SHOULD NOT EXPECT MILITARY SUPPORT TO THEIR CAUSE FROM THE NON-SOCIALIST PART OF THE WESTERN HALF OF THE WORLD. THIS IS SO AT THE TIME WHEN AFRICA'S LAST CHOICE OF WAR FOR SOLVING RHODESIA HAS BEEN MADE AND SEALED.

QTE IN PEACEFUL WORDS YET TO BE MATCHED WITH DEEDS, KISSINGER MOVED THE UNITED STATES ON THE SOUTHERN AFRICAN QUESTION A FEW PACES FORWARD BUT FOR RHODESIA THAT MOVEMENT IS ALONG A ROUTE THAT AFRICANS HAVE ALREADY CLOSED. THE PACES WOULD HAVE CERTAINLY BOOSTED THE POTENTIALITIES OF A NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT AT THE TIME WHEN THERE WERE NEGOTIATIONS AND NEGOTIATORS BUT TODAY BOTH HAVE VANISHED.

QTE ONLY TWO THREADS IN KISSINGERS NEW LINE OF AFRICAN POLICY CAN, IF REALISED, BE MADE RELEVANT TO THE CONTINENT'S LINE ON RHODESIA. THESE ARE AMERICA'S APPARENT TOTAL REJECTION VERBALLY OF THE REBELLION AND HER EQUALLY VERBAL CALL TO STRENGTHEN THE BLOCKADE AGAINST THE RHODESIAN REBEL REGIME.

QTE IN LUSAKA KISSINGER FOR A MOMENT ALMOST QUALIFIED AS A "PEACEFUL REVOLUTIONARY" WHEN HE GAVE HOPES THAT THE US, WHILE PUSHING FOR PEACEFUL CHANGE, WOULD REMAIN NEUTRAL TO THE INEVITABLE ARMED CONFLICT IN SOUTHERN AFRICA.

QTE HE ERASED THESE HOPES WHEN SAFELY OUTSIDE THE BORDERS OF
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ZAMIA IN PARIS BY TARRING HIS AFRICAN POLICY WITH ACTIVE SUPER-POWER RIVALRY IN SOUTHERN AFRICA.

QTE IF KISSINGERS AFRICAN TOUR IS TO TURN WORTHWHILE, HE SHOULD IN HIS REFLECTIONS BACK IN WASHINGTON, DRAW A LINE ACROSS AFRICA PUTTING TO THE NORTH ALL FREE AND LIBERATED AFRICA AND TO THE SOUTH ALL AFRICA'S LIBERATED AREAS.

QTE SINCE SHE WILL NOT FIGHT, THE US SHOULD PREOCCUPY HERSELF WITH
AFRICA NORTH OF THE LINE AND KEEP COMPLETELY CLEAR OF THE
REGION SOUTH OF THE LINE NO MATTER WHAT SCALE THE RISING CON-
FLICT
MAY ASSUME. END QUOTE

NOTE: IT IS WORTH NOTING THAT THIS IS THE FIRST EDITORIAL TO
APPEAR IN THE PARTY-CONTROLLED TIMES ON THE SECRETARYS VISIT
TO AFRICA. WRAMPELMEIER UNQUOTE KISSINGER

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